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DEPT FOR E.G. KOVACH AND M.CRAWFORD, OES

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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR RESEARCH GRANTS
PANEL

REF: A) HEMILY/CRAWFORD TELCON OF 8/2/78; B) AC/137-D/648,
ITEM IV(G); C) AC/137-D/660, PARA 15; D) ASG.SEA(78)078

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF INFORMAL NOTE SENT TO
MISSION BY SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION.

BEGIN TEXT: U.S.-PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR NATO SCIENCE COMMIT-
TEE'S RESEARCH GRANT PANEL, IRWIN OPPENHEIM, ALTHOUGH OUT-
STANDING, POSES PROBLEM SINCE HIS SCIENTIFIC SPECIALITY
(CHEMICAL PHYSICS) DOES NOT MATCH SUGGESTED SPECIALTIES OF
LIFE SCIENCES, BIOCHEMISTRY, INORGANIC CHEMISTRY. INTER-
NATIONAL STAFF OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION WOULD PREFER
U.S. LIFE SCIENTIST AS CANDIDATE, AND SUGGESTS POSSIBLE
CONSIDERATION OF FRANK CONTE OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
WHO IS AVAILABLE IF NOMINATED AND ELECTED. CONTE IS WELL
KNOWN TO NSF, NIH AS WELL AS CANADIAN NRC.

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DANGER IS THAT OPPENHEIM MIGHT NOT BE ELECTED TO PANEL
BECAUSE HE WOULD BE COMPETING WITH ABLE CANDIDATE FROM
ANOTHER COUNTRY IN RECOMMENDED SPECIALTY OF INORGANIC
CHEMISTRY. INTERNATIONAL STAFF FEELS STRONG NEED TO HAVE
U.S. MEMBER OF RESEARCH GRANTS PANEL. HOWEVER, OPPENHEIM
WILL BE LISTED AS NOMINEE ON WORKING DOCUMENT TO BE SENT

SC REPRESENTATIVES LATER THIS MONTH UNLESS U.S. AGREES
BY AUGUST 15 TO SUGGESTED CHANGE TO CONTE OR ANOTHER LIFE
SCIENTIST.

DILULLO OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS
DIVISION WILL PHONE CRAWFORD OR KOVACH OF OES DURING
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7 TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. END TEXT.
2. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER U.S. NOMINATION
FOR SEAT ON RESEARCH GRANTS PANEL IN LIGHT OF POINTS
RAISED IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF NOTE AND ADVISE US OF RESULTS
OF DILULLO DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. GLITMAN

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